



## Weekly Update: 28th March 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Dates for your diary

<b>15<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School INSET Day (School Closed to Pupils)
<b>16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First Day of Summer Term
<b>20<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Saturday Volunteer Day working on school grounds- for tea and cake!
<b>22<sup>nd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Maigold, Gala, Discovery and Camelot Parents' Evenings
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	PTA Meeting 7pm Firehouse
<b>13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 6 SATs week (Key Stage 1 assessments start as well)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Reception Vision Screening
<b>18<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Saturday Colour Run at Westfield Park
<b>20<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Information Session for Parents, Carers and School Staff Child Exploitation by County Lines With Escapeline. 6pm, Huish Episcopi Academy. Book via: <a href="https://forms.gle/YVj1EpbvRqJKQzoF8">https://forms.gle/YVj1EpbvRqJKQzoF8</a>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Non-uniform day- Crazy hair day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Road Safety Morning with Road Safety Officer Somerset Council; PTA Festival Disco
<b>14<sup>th</sup> June</b>	PTA Father's Day Pop Up
<b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Curry Rivel Open Gardens- School Gardens Open to Public
<b>18<sup>th</sup> June</b>	Digital Mobile Planetarium visiting school- gifted by PTA
<b>9<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Sports Day (Reserve Sports day 12 <sup>th</sup> July)
<b>15<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Escapeline workshops - Years 5 and 6
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Showcase; End of year reports out
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly and Tea Party
<b>Summer term</b>	15 April- 24 July 2024
<b>Summer INSET Day</b>	15 April 2024

### INSET Days for Academic Year 2024/25

- Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Monday 4th November 2024
- Monday 6th January 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)
- Friday 14th February 2025 (Community Learning Partnership Joint INSET)
- Friday 4th April 2025 (Same as Huish Academy)

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## Easter

We celebrated Easter at St Andrew's Church today- it was good to see so many of you there. We enjoyed singing from all the children and the choir, and the pupil readers did a wonderful job. All the children were a credit to you and the school. £40.98 was raised for the 'Ukrainian Appeal' supported by the Christian Charity, Blythwood Care- thank you.

## Staff News

Miss Bullen, our Pippin teacher, will be leaving us today as she finishes her maternity cover. I want to express my gratitude for the exceptional work done by Miss Bullen during her time with us as Pippin teacher. Her dedication and commitment to our pupils has been outstanding. I am pleased that she has secured a Key Stage Lead position at a local primary school. I am also pleased to share with you that Mrs Zoe Davies-Evans has returned from maternity leave to resume her position as Pippin teacher. Mrs Davies Evans is well-known for her passion for teaching the Early Years Foundation Stage and Key Stage One, and her ability to create a positive and engaging learning environment for our pupils. Zoe is also a lead teacher for Phonics and Early Reading, and works closely with the DfE English Hub. Mrs Davies-Evans will be back as Pippin class teacher from after Easter.

## Clive Pig Storyteller

'Clive PiG' – aka 'Mister Storyfella' visited this week to lead shows and workshops with all classes. Thanks to continued support of the PTA, who aim to enrich all the pupils' school lives. The PTA has a vision to fund enrichment activities across the Arts and this programme includes storytelling and drama which supports our curriculum. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

## Bikeability

Year 6 pupils completed Bikeability sessions this week. Feedback from the pupils:

*"I enjoyed going to different places in Curry Rivel on my bike."* Molly

*"I learned to look back before turning off or before passing a parked car."* Sophie

## Summer Clubs

Clubs offer our pupils great opportunities for enrichment, and the chance to develop new skills and to try something new. These clubs will be on offer after Easter- booking on SchoolMoney will open after we return to school.

Day	Activity/Club	Staff	Year group(s)	Dates
Tuesday	'Read and Do' This will be where we read a book and then do an activity based upon this.	Mrs Davies-Evans	R	21 May 4 June 11 June 18 June 25 June
Tuesday	Eco Club	Mrs Samuel and Mrs van Cole	4/5	21 May 4 June 11 June 18 June 25 June
Tuesday	Choir	Miss Tucker	2-6	21 May 4 June 11 June 18 June 25 June
Wednesday	Biscuit Club (SATs preparation)	Jack, Ali and Claire	6	17 Apr 24 Apr 1 May

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Wednesday	Outdoor games	Miss Carnie	1/2	22 May 5 June 12 May 19 June 26 June
Thursday	Athletics	Mr Bridgeman	3-6	23 May 6 June 13 May 20 June

### **Morning snacks**

Pupils and parents are being reminded that morning snack should be fruit/vegetables or a sandwich- no crisps or cereal bars please.

### **Attendance**

All pupils have received an end of term 'traffic' light attendance report for parents/carers- we hope this helps keep you informed of your child's attendance percentage and what this means. We are here to support all our families, so if you need support in regard to your child's attendance we are always happy to help.

### **Parents' Evenings**

It was good to see parents/carers of Pippin and Blenheim this week- thank you to the PTA for offering hot drinks and pre-loved uniform. Other class parents' evenings are after Easter- a link to the booking system will be sent today.

### **Tuning into Kids Parenting Programme: Message from Parent Family Support Adviser**

You are invited to take part in a free program that aims to help you and your child manage the many emotional challenges of this stage of life. *Tuning in to Kids™* is a six-week parenting program run one session a week for two hours. The program will teach you how to manage your own and your child's emotions in ways that help you to remain close and keep communicating. By learning these skills, you are less likely to have as much conflict within your family and your child is more likely to talk to you about the challenging issues they face.

### **What is Emotional intelligence?**

The program is based on the concept of Emotional Intelligence. Emotional Intelligence (EQ) is about using your emotions to guide you through the world. It is about being able to use your own knowledge of emotions to make decisions, to calm yourself down, to manage anger and conflict, to help you in your relationships with people, to know what is happening in social situations, and to assist you in many aspects of life where you or another person are involved.

### **Why is Emotional Intelligence important?**

Research has shown that children with greater emotional intelligence:

- are more aware, assertive and strong in situations of peer pressure
- have greater success with making friends and are more able to manage conflict with peers
- are more able to cope when upset or angry
- have fewer mental health and substance abuse difficulties
- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults
- have greater career success — Emotional Intelligence may be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ.

When parents focus on helping their child learn about emotions, the young person is more likely to have higher emotional intelligence. In this parenting program we will teach parents what to do to help these skills develop, and in doing so we expect children to manage themselves better.

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### Would you like to find out more?

The sessions are on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 7<sup>th</sup> May, 14<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> May (10-12). Then a week's break for half term, 4<sup>th</sup> June, 11<sup>th</sup> June. All at Somerton library.

If you are interested in participating in this parenting program, please complete this form:

<https://form.jotform.com/240703159731049>

### Cross Country

Congratulations to Curry Rivel Primary School for winning the overall cross-county competition. They pipped High Ham to first place by 22pts.

School	3/4 Girls	3/4 Boys	5/6 Girls	5/6 Boys	TOTAL
Curry Rivel	1094	684	728	1062	3568
High Ham	770	1036	872	868	3546
King Ina	940	686	994	842	3462
Kingsbury Episcopi	818	1022	902	620	3362
Huish Episcopi	842	844	656	862	3204
Hambridge	518	814	982	124	2438
Stoke St Gregory	0	556	938	578	2072
Charlton Mackrell	612	598	354	290	1854
Long Sutton	286	0	156	218	660
Curry Mallet	68	176	132	0	376
Middlezoy and Othery	0	0	0	0	0

### Year 3/4 Girls

1st Ellie-Mai

2nd Dot

### Year 5/6 Boys

3rd Joseph

### Harmless Self Harm Awareness Training

- Harmless have released new dates for their Self Harm Awareness Training. Details are below. There are separate dates for Parents, Carers and Family Members and School College & Education Staff, Frontline Practitioners, VCFSE organisations and community workers:

### Self-Harm Training session for Parents, Carers, Family members

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May AM

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9.30am – 11am

[FREE Somerset - Self Harm Awareness Training Tickets, Thu 9 May 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Monday 1st July PM**

3.30pm – 5pm

[FREE Somerset - Self Harm Awareness Training Tickets, Mon 1 Jul 2024 at 15:30 | Eventbrite](#)

### **Friday 16th August AM**

9.30am – 11am

[FREE Somerset - Self Harm Awareness Training Tickets, Fri 16 Aug 2024 at 09:30 | Eventbrite](#)

FREE Somerset - Self Harm Awareness Training

Somerset Council are working with Harmless to offer free online training for people who people who want to understand about self-injury.

## **FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES: SPRING INTO LIFE AT WELLS CATHEDRAL!**

Celebrate Easter and Springtime with our family trail (available throughout the holiday) and themed craft activities.

### **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April - Treasure Hunt**

Follow our Easter crosses trail, collecting beads to make a cross necklace.

### **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - Easter Gardens**

Follow our Easter story trail then make an Easter garden to tell the best part of the Easter story.

### **Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Get growing**

Decorate a mini pot and get planting!

### **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April - Spring into Life**

Celebrate new life with spring themed crafts. *Sessions at 10-11:15, 11:15-11:30 & 2:00-3:15*

*£2.15 per child / £1.10 if eligible for free school meals; accompanying adults FREE*

*Please note: children must be accompanied by a responsible adult and only assistance dogs are allowed at our Family Holiday Activities*

*To book visit [wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays](http://wellscathedral.org.uk/holidays) – or drop in on the day (subject to availability)*

## **Message from the PTA**

### **PTA helpful award**

Brooke B

Beth H

Olivia H

Dylan McD

Oliver J

Ethan C

Brody F

### **PTA fundraising award**

Delilah B

### **PTA recognition award**

Lily H

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## Lates

We are aiming to reduce the number of pupils who arrive late.

Class	Number of lates last week	Number of lates this week
Pippin	1	0
Maigold	2	2
Gala	3	3
Discovery	2	1
Camelot	3	7
Blenheim	4	2
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>

Please remember that being late can lead to your child:

- Feeling embarrassed in front of their friends
- Missing the beginning of vital lessons making them fall behind
- Missing important instructions for the rest of the school day
- Learning bad habits which could affect their employability in the future

The impact of being just a little late can accumulate to a loss of learning time.

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 mins	3.4 days
10 mins	6.9 days
15 mins	10.3 days
20 mins	13.8 days
30 mins	20.7 days

## Attendance

**Overall school attendance:** 94.39% (Target 96%)

**Class attendance award:** Blenheim (95.8%)

**Most improved class attendance:** Pippin

## Celebration

We were able to welcome parents/carers to our celebration assembly today. Well done to the following pupils:

### Class Cup Awards

Pippin: Jacob  
Maigold: Willow  
Gala: Mark  
Discovery: Ellie-mai  
Camelot: Toby H  
Blenheim: Isabelle

### Lunchtime stars

Pippin: Ellis  
Maigold: Eli M  
Gala: Daisy  
Discovery: Brooke-Bailey  
Camelot: Rupert  
Blenheim:

## 50 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Gala: Archie

## 100 Merit (Dojo) Certificates:

Maigold: Evie-Jane, Brody-Luca  
Gala: Oliver, Bella, Luca, Azalea,  
Discovery: Arya, Daisy, Evie, Lily H, Anna, Ruth, Darcy, Dylan  
Blenheim: Holly

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**Merit Cup**

1st Quantock with 87 dojos average per child  
2nd Mendip with 85 dojos average per child  
2nd Polden with 85 dojos average per child  
3rd Blackdown with 84 dojos average per child

**Achievements Outside of School**

Stage 1 swimming: Jessica (Pippin)  
Performance arts\_ Darcy J (Discovery)

I wish you all a very Happy Easter.

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